

Michael Fisher, MSW
Chief Readjustment Counseling Officer, Veterans Health Administration

Michael Fisher was appointed as the Chief Readjustment Counseling Officer of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Readjustment Counseling Service (RCS) in May 2016. He has direct leadership and oversight of the 303 Vet Centers, 84 Mobile Vet Centers, numerous satellite locations, and the 24/7 Vet Center Call Center. Vet Centers have been proudly providing counseling, referral, and community engagement services to Veterans, service members, including members of the National Guard and Reserve, and their families since 1979. Vet Center assets are located in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa. As Chief Officer, Mr. Fisher also advises the Under Secretary for Health in policy issues effecting the readjustment of Veterans and their families and issues surrounding the combat experience.

Mr. Fisher began his career with VA as an outreach specialist at the Baltimore Vet Center, ensuring increased access to care and services for his fellow Veterans. He progressed in responsibility at the local, regional and national level, culminating in his appointment as Chief Officer. Prior to his VA career, he served more than 10 years with the Pennsylvania National Guard and was deployed to Iraq as an infantry non-commissioned officer in 2005. Following this combat deployment, he was medically discharged from the military. He holds a Master of Social Work (MSW) from the Catholic University of America.